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More Monitoring Wells Promised For Landfill

by Audrey DeMuth

After a steamy hike and personal inspection of the Beecher Development Co. landfill at Goodenow Tuesday, the hardy citizen activists and local public officials who took part were rewarded with some good news.

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Director Richard Carlson arrived from Springfield late in the day to announce that new monitoring wells will be placed at the site. Short of an announcement that the EPA would close down the landfill—an action that appears to be out of the question—Carlson's statement was most welcome.

It was a major breakthrough for the Citizens Against a Polluted Environment (CAPE). The group has been fighting an uphill battle to get the IEPA interested in its concerns about the Goodenow landfill. The need for more monitoring wells was high on its list of requests.

CAPE orchestrated the day long series of events, which started at noon with a bus trip from the Crete Amvet Hall to the landfill. En route down Route 394, participants viewed extensive damage to the right shoulder, where heavily loaded transfer trucks park in a holding pattern, awaiting entry to the landfill via the narrow Goodenow Road and one lane viaduct.

At the landfill site, the local residents were joined by a cadre of Sexton personnel and IEPA officials. They were fed a light lunch atop the landfill, given a presentation on engineering aspects, and then various groups descended into the landfill itself for a walking inspection tour.

Heat, dirt and exhaustion having taken their toll, the remnants of the group bussed back to the Amvet Hall in Crete at 4 o'clock for a question and answer session with six IEPA officials from the Springfield and local (Maywood) offices.

Just when everyone was ready to break for a shower and dinner, Carlson arrived. With him was Bill Child, Manager of the Pollution Control Division.

"We're here at the request of Aldo DeAngelis and Bob Piel," said Carlson. He immediately addressed a prime concern of CAPE. "The original monitoring wells are not really adequate by today's standards," he said.

"We've been negotiating with Art Daniels, the manager of Sexton," said Child. He explained that since Sexton has asked for a permit for a leachate collecting system, that opens the door for negotiations on their operating permit.

"Sexton has agreed to more

monitoring," Child said. "Now we have to work through the details." He could not say how many new wells there might be or where they would be situated.

The meeting with Daniels took place most of the day on July 6, with more information due in the next two days, Child said. The groundwater monitoring system was sufficient in the 70's, he said. The permit granted then gives Sexton carte blanche to fill its present 182 acre site.

He praised the company for its desire to put in a leachate collection system, which is not required under their old permit. The leachate will be pumped out and taken offsite for treatment elsewhere, according to the company's present plans, which are still being formulated.

There is no general rule of thumb on how many monitoring wells there should be in a landfill, Child said, but the minimum number acceptable is three. The requirements differ for each site, depending on the geology.

Sen. DeAngelis noted that Beecher received some Build Illinois money for its new municipal well, which is to be built approximately two miles from the landfill. "What kind of guarantee can you give them that their new well won't be contaminated by this landfill?" he asked.

Child said the chance of contamination would be "pretty remote" for a well more than 1 1/2 miles away. He suggested that if the groundwater flows in that direction, adequate monitoring wells should be placed between the landfill and the new municipal well.

Will County Board member Mary Ann Gearhart said, "We want the creek tested up and downstream."

"Yes," agreed Child.

"We will review the scope of the work to be performed by the USEPA," he added. It was explained earlier that although the IEPA had done a preliminary assessment in 1984, the USEPA had never gotten around to following through on its recommendation for a full inspection. The matter had somehow "fallen through the cracks" of the USEPA until the matter was brought to their attention by CAPE. That site inspection will be conducted the first week in August, according to Carlson.

CAPE Chairman Carl Fleck expressed concern about the known and possibly unknown hazardous wastes buried in the old Triem portion of the landfill. "We need more monitoring wells

between that and the new Beecher well," he said.

Carlson agreed and said that a well could even be put on a site other than one owned by Sexton, providing permission is obtained.

Asked what the USEPA will test for, Child said they will look for the tests most likely to give helpful data, such as the pH factor. When setting up sampling protocols, you look for those things that move the fastest, he noted. You look for what's easily released from a landfill, such as chlorides, which aren't particularly toxic, but run easily.

The August site inspection will be "fairly extensive", said the IEPA officials. "It's nothing compared to what you have to do to solve a problem, but it will show if you have a problem."

Monte Nienkerk, Superfund specialist with the IEPA, explained that they haven't yet seen the work plan. But he said it will include groundwater testing, probably Plum Creek, erosion areas around the creek which were noted during the walking tour, sediment and soil samples. They will look for target compounds, organic and inorganic; and for many hazardous substances in the samples.

Through comparison of up-gradient and down-gradient tests, they could show an observed release of contaminants, Nienkerk indicated. The analytical results of the USEPA inspection will be made available to CAPE, officials promised. It will take 30-45 days for the lab reports to be completed, then some time to write the report. It may not be available for two or three months after the inspection, they said.

The results will be put into a mathematical model and the landfill given a score of between 0 and 100. A score of 28.5 or higher would qualify the landfill for the federal Superfund cleanup program. The state also has a Superfund program for sites that do not qualify for the federal program. Sites scoring 10 or more qualify for the state cleanup program.

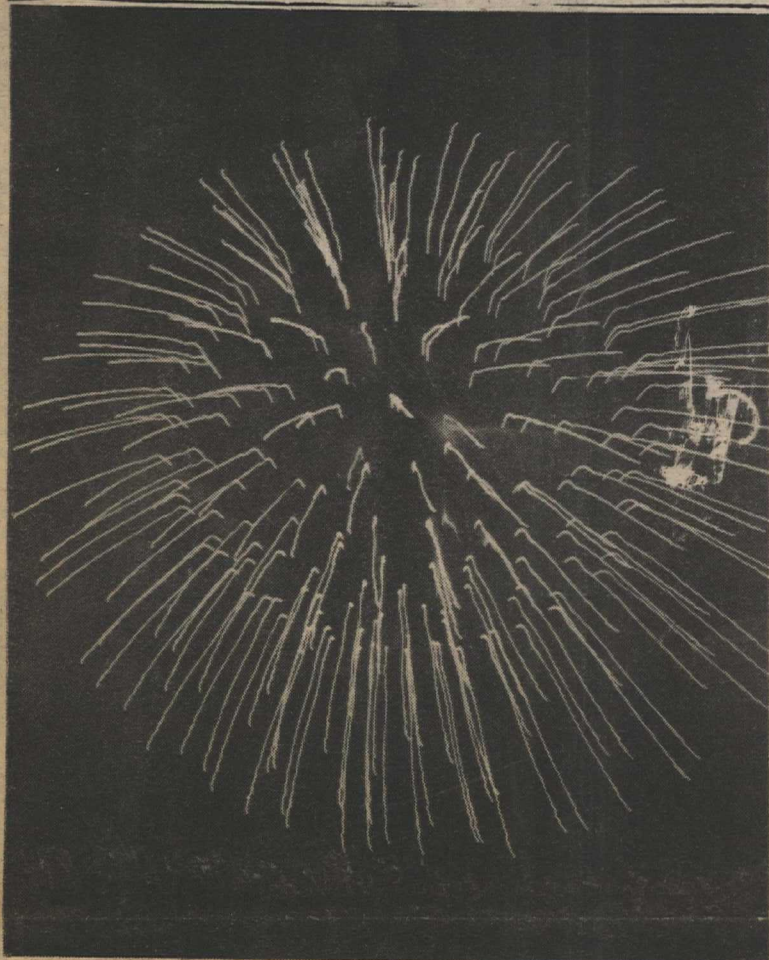
"The USEPA will have access to the IEPA's files before it undertakes the August inspection and will be aware of our concerns

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Library Meeting Place Changed

The Crete Public Library Board has announced a change in meeting place.

The meeting will be held tonight, July 9, at 7:30 p.m., at the main library building, 534 First St., and not at the Hager House Annex on North St. as previously announced.



FIREWORKS exploded joyously in the air all over the nation Saturday to celebrate Independence Day. This spectacular burst was caught by photographer Ken Kinney.

LG Residents Air Concerns At Village Board Meeting

Residents of Lincolnshire Green subdivision discussed their concerns with the Crete Village Board during the board's regular meeting Monday evening, July 6. Their main concern related to the lack of maintenance in the subdivision.

The board also adopted seven ordinances which changed the zoning map for seven different parcels of property in the village and set a date for a public hearing on the budget and appropriation ordinance for FY 1987-88.

One member of the Lincolnshire Green group said that sod planted near the entrance to the subdivision is nothing but weeds now, and that two trees in this area have been knocked down, possibly by bulldozers. The sign near the entrance reads "Lincolnshire" instead of "Lincolnshire Green". There was doubt expressed as to who was responsible for replacing trees and cutting down the weeds.

It was noted that after a heavy rain, water accumulates to a depth of 12 inches near the entrance to the subdivision, making it impossible to use the road. Other concerns expressed by members of the group included broken glass in the roadways, fire hydrants almost covered over by high weeds, dirt bikes driven in the area, retention ponds, and the small number of new homes being constructed in Lincolnshire Green this summer.

Questions asked by the group included why residents were

unable to get cable television; what, if any, commercial development is planned for the area; why the village did not send out notices when vehicle stickers were being sold; and why penalty fees for not buying stickers on time were increased so drastically.

Mayor Michael Einhorn responded to the questions asked. He explained the "punch list", which is prepared and gone over thoroughly before a subdivision is accepted, the tax lag provision, the reasons why fines for not buying vehicle stickers on time have increased so much, and what easements are. Trustee Morgan Carter told the group he would check with Centel to see why cable television was not yet available in Lincolnshire Green.

It was determined that the board would arrange a meeting with Dale Serig, the developer, and with others who were selling lots in the subdivision to determine who was responsible for some of

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Plan Commission Meets Tonight

The Crete Plan Commission will meet tonight, July 9, at 7:30 p.m., at the Crete Village Hall, 524 Exchange St.

On the agenda is a continuing discussion of the Comprehensive Plan and, under new business, Long Range Capital Improvement Plan.

The public is welcome to attend.

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about the Triem site," said Carlson.

"This is not a fast process," Child warned.

Fleck reminded the officials of photographs showing broken tiles below grade from the Triem site and heavy erosion in spots. "Our fear is that some leachate erosion is drawing garbage into it," he told the IEPA officials.

Child responded, "We can take water samples and sediment samples to see if they come in contact with garbage." He said Sexton has agreed to do quarterly inspection as a matter of good site management.

Bill Bubness of CAPE asked the IEPA director if the failure of Gov. Thompson's tax hike to pass had hurt his program.

Carlson replied that indeed it had. "We can't satisfy the public with enough inspections of landfills," he said, observing that the public's "appetite for environmental protection" had grown in recent years.

"The county delegate agreements can extend our employees," Carlson told the group. "It can also help stop random dumping."

The delegation agreement, which the Will County Board has on its agenda for passage July 16, delegates authority from the IEPA to the county to monitor landfill activity. It provides for collection of a state "tipping fee" from the landfill operators, to be passed through to the county to pay for qualified personnel to oversee the landfills in the county.

The delegation authority is included in an act which provides for planning grants to municipalities to seek alternate methods of handling wastes, such as recycling programs and incineration.

Cliff Gould, Director of the Maywood IEPA office, noted that it's a 1 1/2 hour drive each way from that office. "If we can delegate authority to the county we can get more bang for the buck," he said.

Child commented on the lawsuit which has just been filed challenging the constitutionality of that law. The class action suit was filed by Browning-Ferris, a major waste handler, and was joined by Sexton and 14 others. While the suit is pending, the tipping fees can still be collected, but their use is frozen until the court case is settled.

"Let the companies know your displeasure," Child said.

Asked why they had joined in the suit, Sexton officials said it was a controversy over how the state tipping fees (of 45 cents a cubic yard) would be implemented.

The session with Carlson and Child ended shortly before 6 p.m. The group reassembled at 7:30 in the Beecher High School gym for a public meeting that drew several hundred people despite the sultry night. The grilling of IEPA officials by CAPE, an array of public officials, and members of the audience went on until nearly 11 p.m.

Among the public officials devoting all or part of their day to garbage and what do do with it were: Sen. Aldo DeAngelis; Rep. Bob Piel; Will County Board members Mary Ann Gearhart, Don Easterday, and Brent Hassert (who chairs the board's ad hoc landfill committee); Will County State's Attorney Edward Masters;

Washington Township Supervisor Marty Schmidt, Beecher Mayor Landis Wehling and Trustees Gwen Dean and Ron Bakhaus; Crete Township Supervisor Pam Fazzini, Trustee Fred Pehrkon and Assessor Ron Koelling; Crete Village Trustees Darcy Stevens and Mike Knaak.

They were joined in the evening by county board member Elmer Ziegler; Joe O'Connor from the Will County Health Department; and Dorla Meentz, from the Kankakee office of Cong. Ed Madigan.

CAPE officials Carl Fleck, Tom Augustine and Bill Bubness were assisted by other CAPE members and environmental activist Gigi Topolski.

LG Residents.....

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the problem areas. All those in the group of homeowners who were at Monday's meeting were invited to attend the meeting with Serig as well.

The seven ordinances adopted by the board all amended the village's zoning map. The seven properties rezoned were the Houk property at 1578 Main St., the township property at 1363-67 Wood St., the Hansen property at 563 Exchange St., the Biesterfeld property at 1615 Main St., the Koelling property at 453 and 455 Exchange St., the northeast corner of Columbia and Exchange Sts., and the Raymond condominiums at Beckwith Ln.

The public hearing on the budget and appropriation ordinance for FY 1987-88 will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 20, at the village hall, 524 Exchange St. The regular village board meeting will be held after the hearing.

Trustee Darcy Stevens read a letter from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs regarding the Governors Hometown Award Program. This program recognizes volunteer efforts.

The Crete Area Sesquicentennial was one of the 211 submissions made this year. The letter informed the board that the sesquicentennial was not selected as a final project but was awarded a certificate of achievement. Crete's entry was rated sixth among the 211 entries received.

Trustee Carter was given board approval to ask Village Attorney Bob Grim to draft an ordinance which would prohibit anyone under 17 years of age from renting an R rated film. Carter also said garage sale signs, directional signs, and house for sale signs were being posted illegally on utility poles. He will have the police remove these signs, find out who they belong to, and issue p tickets to the sign owners.

The board approved the motor fuel tax program for road improvements for the current year based on the recommendations of the village auditor and the village engineer. They also awarded the contract for the work to Sylvestri Paving for the low bid of \$236,453.80., based on recommendations by the auditor and the engineer.

"We give a hoot, so we won't pollute!"



ON HAND WHEN DAVID Betz received the Monteith Scholarship were (l. to r.) James Herr of the District 194 School Board, Superintendent Dr. Milton R. Whitten of the South Chicago Heights Kiwanis, Mrs. Ledelia Monteith, David Betz, and Donald Moore of the Steger Kiwanis Club.



COMEDIAN TOM DREESSEN discussed education and positive attitudes during a recent presentation at Prairie State College.

Positive Mental Attitude Vital, Says Dreesen

Tom Dreesen has become a well-known comedian. What isn't as well-known is Tom's strong personal philosophy about having a positive mental attitude and the role such a philosophy should have in education.

He shared these convictions in a special presentation "From Harvey to Hollywood" last month in the Prairie State College television studio. Speaking to a group of 60 college employees, Dreesen said, "Children from the early grades through college need to be supported and reinforced by their parents and teachers. Each child has special talents which can only be developed if the schools help that child identify those skills and work on them everyday."

Dreesen added, "Think of how often we've forgotten to reinforce one kid's artistic skills or another child's math skills. When we don't build those skills, or convey negative thoughts about those skills, we've lost those kids."

The South Suburban native contends that our nation's economic and drug problems would be severely reduced if "every school in the country took a few minutes each day to compliment the kids on their special abilities and to help them develop a positive attitude."

Dreesen said he plans to take his message to college campuses around the country and expressed his appreciation to Prairie State College for having the opportunity to further develop his presentation here last month.

"From Harvey to Hollywood" marked Dreesen's second appearance on behalf of the college in two weeks. Earlier, he was the Master of Ceremonies at the Prairie State College

Foundation's Special Event, which featured Chicago Bears head coach Mike Ditka as the main speaker. The Foundation recognized Dreesen's performance with a \$1,000 contribution to Dreesen's "Day for Darlene" fundraising effort to battle Multiple Sclerosis.

Also last month, Dreesen told a national cable TV audience about his appearance at the Foundation's Special Event during his guest stint as a baseball announcer on a WGN-TV Chicago Cub broadcast. Dreesen was one in a series of celebrity announcers who filled-in while Harry Caray was recuperating from a stroke.

Dreesen's "From Harvey to Hollywood" presentation was videotaped and those interested in viewing it may contact the Prairie State College Learning Center at 756-3110, ext. 113.

Reality Therapy Training Set For July 27-31

Freedom Hall in Park Forest will be the site for Intensive Weeks I and II training in Reality Therapy to be held July 27-31. Reality Therapy, developed by Dr. William Glasser, is used not only in formal therapeutic counseling, but by anyone who seeks to help people more fully realize their potential. It is used by teachers, clergy, school administrators, correctional and probation officers, mental health professionals, social workers, business managers, and people who help people.

During the training, participants will learn theory, concepts, and techniques in Reality Therapy in everyday situations. Emphasis will be placed on developing and refining

David Betz Presented Monteith Scholarship

David Alan Betz, winner of the Stanley P. Monteith Scholarship, was presented a check for \$607.70 at the Steger District 194 School Board meeting on June 11, by Mrs. Ledelia Monteith.

Valedictorian Betz, of the Bloom Trail 1987 senior class, graduated from Steger Central Junior High School in 1983. He will enter the University of Illinois, Urbana, this fall. Betz maintained a 4.12 grade point average at Bloom Trail, and was active in many extra-curricular programs and activities.

At the Bloom Trail annual Senior Assembly, Betz was recognized as a member of the National Honor Society, the Foreign Language Honor Society, and the Who's Who Among American High School Students. He also received the Presidential Academic Fitness Award, Senior Mathematician of the Year Award, Illinois State Scholar Award, Spanish Award (four years of straight A's), Outstanding Senior Award, and the United States Air Force Math and Science Award.

Scholarships presented to Betz included the Catholic War Veterans Scholarship and the Merit Recognition Scholarship, in addition to the Monteith.

Extra-curricular activities that kept him busy at Bloom Trail included the Student Council, class offices, science fairs, Mathletes, and drama.

The Stanley P. Monteith Memorial Scholarship is funded from the interest of a perpetual memorial fund. Contributions to the fund can be made by

skills stressing one to one role playing and group practice. These week long training sessions lead to Certification by the Institute for Reality Therapy.

Dr. Richard Hawes, vice president for the Institute for Reality Therapy, will conduct the training. Graduate and undergraduate credits will be offered by Governors State University upon the successful completion of the training.

Reality Therapy training opportunities are offered to the Chicago area by Aunt Martha Youth Service Center, Inc. Park Forest, in conjunction with the Institute for Reality Therapy of Los Angeles. Registration information may be obtained by telephoning Bernadette 747-2701.

Summer music shows



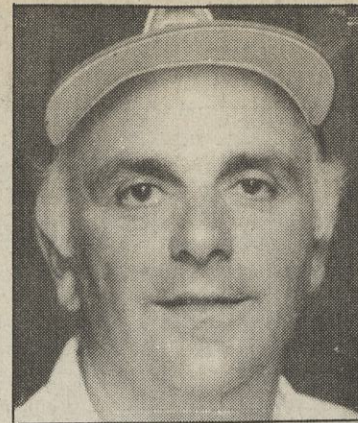
There's lots of good music to enjoy right here this summer, featuring acts like singer John Gary, jazz groups and classical organ performances. Check Entertainment-Arts, Page B-8, for places and dates.

Seasons of sexuality



Sexuality has seven "seasons," including infancy and childhood, says a Catholic priest. He describes our childhood years as a time of sensing. For more about the stages of sexuality, turn to Dimensions, Page G-1.

Dad of baseball family



Ron Guagenti, baseball coach at Marian Catholic high school and with the Lansing Angels, is the proud father of what truly is a "baseball family." The Guagenti family is featured today in Sports, Section B.

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An old-fashioned shop is portrayed on this float in Beecher's Fourth of July parade. Sponsored by Beecher volunteer fire department, the parade and other festivities once again attracted large crowds over the Independence day holiday weekend. For more photos, see Page A-19. (Star photo by Warren Skalski.)

Superfund tests, more well monitorings

Landfill inspections promised

By MICHAEL ULREICH

The former Triem landfill at the Beecher-Sexton landfill south of Goodenow road will undergo a federal Superfund site inspection next month.

The planned inspection was announced Tuesday during a day of tours and meetings, all devoted to answering questions about the Beecher-Sexton landfill.

In addition to the Superfund inspection, the landfill operator has agreed to install more monitoring wells around the site.

THE DIRECTOR of the Illinois

Environmental Protection agency (IEPA), Richard Carlson, made a surprise visit Tuesday to a meeting between area residents and IEPA officials at the Crete Amvets hall to announce an agreement between Sexton Contracting, operators of the landfill, and the IEPA to dig additional monitoring wells around the site.

The meeting followed a tour of the landfill sponsored by the Sexton firm and Citizens Against a Polluted Environment (CAPE), a Beecher-area citizens group.

Tuesday's agenda also included a

public meeting of citizens and IEPA officials at Beecher high school and an open house for area residents at the landfill between 5 and 7 p.m.

Local politicians, CAPE members, IEPA officials and local residents Tuesday nibbled on cheese and cookies and drank iced tea and lemonade under a tent perched atop a landfill mound before touring the site with Sexton officials.

THE TOUR revealed broken drainage pipes and signs of erosion on the Triem site, an industrial landfill that was in operation between 1971 and 1978.

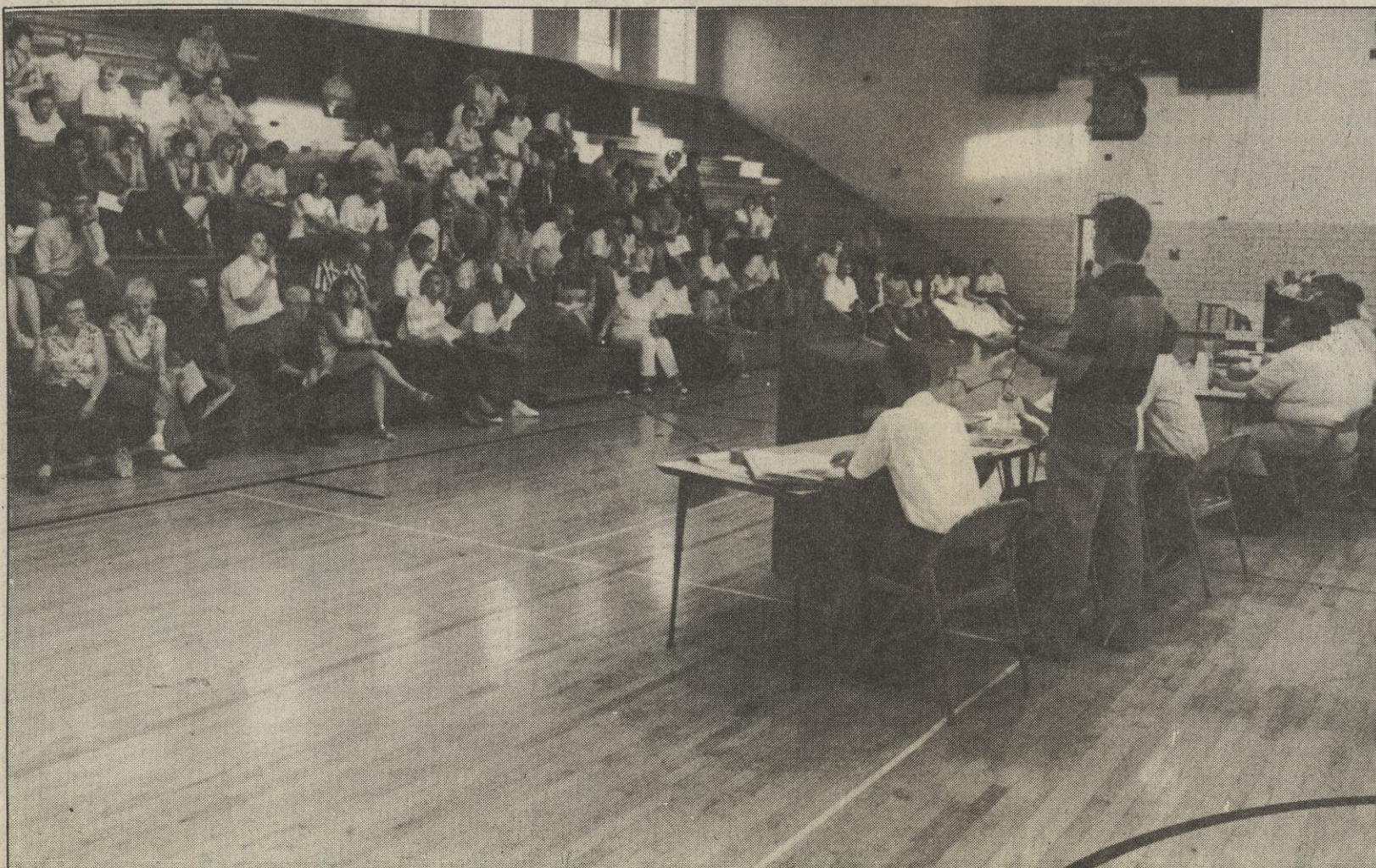
IEPA officials Tuesday agreed that hazardous wastes were buried at the Triem site between 1971 and 1978.

Monte Nienkirk of the IEPA's Superfund program said the federal project, formed to clean up old landfills nationwide, would conduct an in-depth study of the site.

"We can definitely say that the hazardous waste is with us," said IEPA spokesman Bob Casteel about the Triem site.

THE FEDERAL EPA had con-

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Carl Fleck (standing, at table) of the Citizens Against a Polluted Environment (CAPE) moderates a discussion Tuesday regarding the Beecher-Sexton landfill off Goodenow road. Officials from the Illinois Environmental Protection agency (IEPA) attended the meeting at Beecher high school and announced an agreement had been reached between the operators of the landfill, Sexton Contracting, and the IEPA to install more monitoring wells on-site. The officials also said the U.S. EPA had agreed to conduct more extensive testing at the landfill site. (Star photo by Mike Voss)

Village hears subdivision complaints

Complaints about maintenance of the entrance to Lincolnshire Green prompted a group of homeowners from the subdivision to attend Monday night's Crete village board of trustees meeting to ask for help.

Concerns included the appearance of the entrance to the subdivision. A spokesman for the Lincolnshire Green group claimed the entrance has not been maintained by the developer.

She said sod is now weeds and trees planted at the entrance have been knocked down. There also was a question about a name for the subdivision, because there is no sign designating the area as Lincolnshire Green.

A PROBLEM with mud on a roadway apparently stems from a sewer that gets blocked during a heavy rainfall. Standing water then collects in the street entering the subdivision making it impassable, the residents told the board.

Village President Michael Einhorn, responding to the residents' concerns, said the village will develop "a punch list" for the subdivision which will include all the things needed to be corrected by the developer before the village will accept the subdivision.

Einhorn said some of the things have started to be addressed and some of them remain the problem of the developer, Dale Sebrig.

The village president said acceptance by the village of a subdivision usually occurs when most of the construction work is completed. The village will accept subdivision development in phases, he said.

GEORGE RANNEY, village engineer, said the subdivision is still the responsibility of the developer. He said the punch list is developed from the subdivision engineering plans and involves a check of specifics, including roads.

There are about 70 lots in the subdivision, with approximately 40 homes constructed. The subdivision is east of Lincolnshire East, bordered by Steger road, Richton road and Illinois Route 394.

Einhorn assured the residents no multifamily housing is planned for the area.

After listening to the residents, the board agreed to look into the matter

and report back to the group. A meeting will be asked of the developer to deal with residents' concerns.

IN OTHER matters, the board members reviewed the 1987-88 fiscal year proposed appropriation ordinance, amounting to \$3,362,300.

No action was taken on the proposed ordinance; the board set a public hearing on appropriations for July 20 at 7 p.m. in village hall, 524 Exchange street, prior to the next regular meeting of the board.

A resolution allowing for the proper trash removal for condominiums between Huntley terrace and Donovan street was also approved by the board.

Illegal signs posted throughout the village will be removed by police and fines will be issued to violators, Trustee Morgan Carter reported.

CARTER ALSO asked the board for permission to draw up an ordinance forbidding video stores in the village from renting R-rated movies to those under 17 years of age.

Carter said some 12- and 13-year-olds have been renting R-rated videos. He said the new ordinance would be policed. The board concurred with Carter's recommendation.

Board members also approved street improvements planned for 1987-88 motor fuel tax funding, to be subject to the approval of the village attorney, engineer and auditor. The plans call for improvements to Cass, Perry, East and Douglas amounting to \$236,453.80.

Seven zoning changes requested for property throughout the village were approved by the board.

THE SITES included the following: 1578 Main street to R-2 general residence district, 1363-1367 Wood street to B-1 central business, 563 Exchange street to B-1 central business, 1615 Main street to B-3 office research, 453-455 Exchange street to B-1 central business, the northeast corner of Exchange and Columbia to B-1 central business and Beckwith lane lots four through 35 for R-4 multifamily residential.

An executive session of the board was held for discussion of personnel and pending litigation. No action was taken by the board following return to open session.

University Park beautification competition deadline August 3

University Park recognition committee has made a survey of residential and business properties throughout the village and reports finding many properties with superior lawn, landscaping and residential maintenance.

University Park board of trustees is offering beautification awards to five homes and one business for outstanding efforts to beautify and enhance the image of the village.

Residents or business representatives may nominate themselves or any other resident or business for an award by writing to the Community Recognition commission, village of University Park, 698 Burnham drive, University Park, Ill., 60466.

Deadline for entries is August 3. Judging by the recognition commission will be the week of August 10-17. Guidelines for judging are available

this week at village hall, Ollie Redden, commission member, announced.

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Storm strikes area towns

A lightning-spattered thunderstorm Monday night ignited house fires, downed trees and felled power lines in several south suburbs.

House fires in Matteson, Flossmoor and Country Club Hills; flooding in Homewood and Flossmoor, and downed trees and power lines throughout the area were linked to the storm.

Six municipalities were hard hit.

Matteson

Lightning struck a home in the Woodgate subdivision, setting the structure ablaze and causing an estimated \$20,000 in damage to attic.

Homeowner Albert Horn reported the fire at 211 Timberlane drive at 8:48 p.m. Twenty fire fighters from both Matteson fire stations responded, dousing the flames within 45 minutes.

"It was a problem for a while," Asst. Fire Chief Nick Wilkens said, noting the frequent lightning caused concern for personnel who had to scale the house to ventilate the roof.

Fire officials said that Monday's blaze marks the 10th time in the past six or seven years that a home in the Woodgate area has been struck by lightning.

Wilkens said he and others are studying the high rate of lightning strikes in Woodgate and in a section of Olympia Fields near the country club.

"We've talked about lightning rods, but we're still studying it," he added.

Although some trees were downed during the storm and power outages were experienced in some areas, the fire was the only major damage reported in Matteson.

Park Forest

Sgt. John Lancaster reported there were a few tree limbs down but no major damage in the village.

One tree limb fell across two cars, while another, struck by lightning, tumbled across a power line in the Lincolnwood area.

The roof of the First Baptist church of Park Forest at Westwood and Orchard drives lost a few shingles when a tree limb fell, Lancaster said, and power in the Westwood and Warwick areas was out for more than two hours, starting at about 9 p.m.

The Blackhawk area also experienced a short power outage starting at about 9 p.m., he said.

Righton Park

Police in Richton Park said the village escaped major storm damage.

"We were lucky," said a police dispatcher, explaining that the village experienced only felled trees and a power failure.

Flossmoor

A home was set afire when lightning struck its television antenna "in the height of the storm," according to Fire Chief Greg Berk.

The fire at the H. D. Radford residence, 1375 Dartmouth road, burned a portion of the roof and caused some structural damage, Berk said.

Fire fighters extinguished the blaze in about 15 minutes. The Homewood fire department also responded to the call.

The Flossmoor department received four other calls of lightning strikes about the same time but none was serious, the fire chief said.

The Illinois Central Gulf railroad

underpass at Flossmoor road was flooded for a time. The fire chief said one Flossmoor fire vehicle was sent to the Dartmouth road fire, which is on the east side of the underpass. The other Flossmoor engine remained west of the flooded underpass.

The public works department reported that an old tree was knocked down on Flossmoor road, knocking out the power for at least an hour.

Homewood

According to Homewood Fire Chief Joseph Klauk, no buildings were struck by lightning but "there were a lot of branches down on sidewalks and streets and quite a few power lines were down."

"We haven't had a storm so intense in quite a while," he said.

Power lines were felled by trees throughout the village. Three transformers were struck by lightning and nearly 20 burglar alarms were set off in local businesses.

Klauk added that 90 percent of the village was without electricity as the power went on and off about three times during the storm.

Both ICG viaducts in Homewood — at Dixie highway and at 183rd street — were flooded and impassable.

"We had a truck and an ambulance stationed on the west side of the IC tracks in case of a problem," Klauk said.

The fire chief explained that the 183rd street viaduct flooded because there was no power for the pumps.

"We have two sources of power for the pumps, but they both went out," he said.

Landfill

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ducted a preliminary assessment of the Triem site in 1984 but never followed up with a site inspection despite a recommendation by its inspector to do so, Nienkirk said, apparently because the site "fell through the cracks."

The site inspection will be used to rank the Beecher landfill on the national Superfund list for cleanup. The sites are ranked from 0 to 100, according to Nienkirk, with a score of 28.5 enabling a site to qualify for the federal Superfund program.

"Two weeks ago we did not even know if it would be done," Casteel said.

Casteel said "public pressure" forced the U.S. EPA to schedule the planned inspection.

"THE U.S. EPA might have been embarrassed by the lack of a site inspection," said Nienkirk. "It should have been done a year and a half ago."

A score of more than 10 would enable the site to qualify for the state's Superfund program, said Nienkirk, formed to deal with those problem sites that did not qualify for the federal Superfund program.

Charles Zeel of the IEPA's permit section told those at the hearing that possibly only two feet of clay separates the Triem site from the bedrock aquifer below. The IEPA now requires 10 feet of clay to separate landfills from underlying bedrock.

Zeel said the IEPA also would seek to determine whether a program is needed to rid the landfill of built-up methane gas, which could explode under certain conditions, according to Zeel.

CARLSON AGREED to have IEPA officials work with representatives of the village of Beecher in placing the new municipal well planned for just north of the landfill, to ensure that the well does not become contaminated.

EPA officials also promised to test Plum creek for pollutants, both upstream and downstream, and release results to the public of the Plum creek tests and the U.S. EPA's site inspection immediately after they are completed.

At the meeting at Beecher high school, Steven Van Hook of the IEPA's compliance division admitted it had been "several years" since the IEPA did any random sampling of the wells surrounding the landfill.

The environmental agency depended upon reports from an engineering firm contracted by Sexton, or "Sexton-hired results," according to CAPE chairman Carl Fleck.

"WE WANT an outside agency to check the water," said Fleck. "We don't feel that is an unfair request seeing it's been several years since you've been out here."

"I think these people are concerned about their health," he said.

Cliff Gould, of the IEPA's land pol-

lution division, admitted that EPA inspectors had visited the site, at most, twice a year.

The crowd at Beecher high school cheered when it was announced that the landfill's leachate, water that circulates through the refuse and is then collected, would be shipped to the CID landfill in Calumet City.

A SELF-IMPOSED restriction on the CID landfill June 1 led to as many as 250 trucks dumping in the Beecher landfill daily with much of the garbage coming from Chicago.

"When will the endless number of trucks coming to Beecher from Chicago end?" asked one questioner in the audience.

Probably when the landfill is filled, in approximately five years, was the consensus of the officials at Tuesday's meeting.

Until then local governmental agencies can only do their best to monitor the situation at the Beecher landfill.

Local politicians attending the landfill tour included state Sen. Aldo DeAngelis (R-Olympia Fields), state Rep. Robert Piel (R-South Holland), state Rep. Larry Wennlund (R-New Lenox), Crete township Supervisor Pam Fazzini, Washington township Supervisor Martin Schmidt, Crete township Trustee Fred Pehrkon and Will county board members Mary Ann Gearhart and Donald Easterday, and representatives from the Crete village board.

Liker on jail project team

By TOM TOZER

Will county Sheriff John Johnsen announced Monday the appointment of the man who opposed Johnsen in his bid last fall for the sheriff's office to a committee to oversee the construction of the new county jail.

Sheriff's deputy Ikey F. Liker was appointed to the Will county jail transition team, which is responsible for coordinating work on the new county jail, scheduled for completion sometime in 1989.

"The transition team is important because we'll be moving from a facility that holds about 100 to one that holds just over 300," Johnsen said.

LIKER, A DEMOCRAT, has been with the sheriff's department for the past 16 years. Prior to that time he was employed as a construction supervisor in the Joliet area.

Johnsen said Liker's construction

experience was part of the reason for his appointment to the transition team.

Richard Kavanaugh, chairman of the public building commission, which oversees the project, reportedly said jail construction would be slowed because Johnsen removed his transition team after charges surfaced that a Peoria architectural firm allegedly was forced to give 30 percent of its contract to a firm run by a "friend" of county Coroner Robert Tezak.

Johnsen denied that he took the team off the project, although he said the team has recommended "hundreds of thousands of dollars" in project cost reductions for items that were "mostly of an aesthetic nature."

THE ALLEGATIONS have been turned over to the Livingston county state's attorney for investigation.

Johnsen said Liker's responsibility in the new assignment will be to supervise the portion of the project related to security systems.

In assigning Liker to the jail transition team, Johnsen praised Liker's expertise and professionalism as a member of the sheriff's department.

"Liker has the best overall experience for this type of assignment. I'm pleased that he's willing to assist the sheriff's department in the building of the new jail," Johnsen said.

LIKER HAS worked in all divisions of the department, and is a graduate of the police training institute. He has taken several courses at Northwestern university and recently attended the U.S. Department of Justice's corrections program in Denver, Colo.

Liker lives in Shorewood with his wife, Peggy, and children, Kent and Kelly.

Two hurt in smashup on Exchange

An Oak Forest man and a Matteson man were injured Tuesday morning in a three-car accident on Exchange street just west of Illinois 394.

Robert Lexow, 28, 16127 Lockwood avenue, Oak Forest, was taken to St. James Hospital Medical center in Chicago Heights where he was treated and released, a hospital spokesman said.

Gregory Charles, 19, 45 Cloverleaf road, Matteson, was listed in serious condition at Christ hospital in Oak Lawn where he was being treated for head trauma, a hospital spokesman said yesterday.

THE THIRD DRIVER, Jerry Jensen, 38, of Lockport, and a passenger in the Lexow vehicle, Jeffrey Miller, 17, 16005 Homan avenue, Markham were apparently not injured, accord-

ing to police reports.

Lexow told police that he was westbound on Exchange street when he saw Charles attempting to pass Jensen's tractor-trailer approximately 25 feet in front of his car.

Jensen told police that he was eastbound on Exchange street when in his outside mirror he observed Charles attempting to pass, police said.



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